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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Chairman and Members of the Commission

FROM: Robert J. Howatt, Executive Director Polhath

DATE: January 5, 2018

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANNUAL NEW MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018

(FILED JANUARY 5, 2018). - PSC DOCKET NO. 18-0004

Pursuant to 6 *Del. C.* § 4915(g), all new motor vehicle dealers in the State shall bear the cost of the administration of Chapter 49 by means of an annual assessment which shall be established by the Commission and shall be no more than what is reasonably needed to defray the annual cost of administering Chapter 49. Such assessment shall be paid by each new motor vehicle dealer on or before March 31 of each year. The statute requires the Commission to set an annual assessment.

The Commission currently retains \$15,000 in its FY18 budget, available from previous years' assessments, and has had no expenditures in FY17 related to new vehicle dealerships or warranty disputes. Since the current fund remains available to bear the costs of administering Chapter 49, Staff recommends the Commission refrain from making any assessment and set the FY18 assessment at \$0.